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Dear Jim:

I have put off answering your letter until now, as I received it just as I was leaving for the league meeting. First of all please accept my thanks for your kind cooperation in seeing about the park for me. However I have decided to train in Daytona Beach. I had written Dr. Slack, and he has arranged for us to have the park from April 5th. I do not think the park in Jacksonville has been secured as yet, even by Mr. Greer. I guess you know he was to the meeting. We are going to play two games in Jacksonville, and I have just written Mr Greer to find out if he will come to Daytona to play a game. I guess I will hear from him in a day or two.

I know you have heard the two leagues voted to take back the men who left the country. I wrote McDuffie last week in answer to a letter from him, and asked him to let me know if Wells is in Jacksonville, and if he wants to stay in the states this year. If you see Wells ask him to write me if he wants to stay. The Grays have already signed Josh, and I am sure McDuffie is going to stay. In view of these things we will all have to strengthen up as much as we can.

Now about The Yankees, every one seems to feel this year the baseball will make some money. There is a lot of work we all know. They all seemed to feel they wanted to give Semler a chance to get going. However the first time he does not pay the players, they will be declared free agents. They will just have to report it to the president. It is really not fair to ask men to work and not pay them, but every one must admit The Negro Baseball has been a very tough fight. There have been so many things against the program, first one drawback and then the other. I feel that the people who have gambled this far should give it one more chance. The thing we need most now is some good weather.

Again thanks for you help. I will see you soon.

Very Truly Yours